



# Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

## *City of New Orleans, LA*

### BACKGROUND

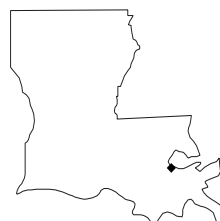
EPA awarded New Orleans supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. New Orleans is located at the base of the Chemical Corridor and has an abundance of port, rail, and highway systems that transport high volumes of hazardous materials. There are numerous brownfields throughout the city that significantly impact local communities, many of which are minority communities. Over 65 percent of New Orleans' population are minorities and the citywide poverty rate is 27 percent.

Under the original EPA Pilot, the New Orleans Brownfields Initiative has inventoried, identified, and assessed brownfield sites for redevelopment through the collaborative effort of local citizens, business leaders, and government agencies. The inventory, which is continually updated, includes essential information on over 250 properties. The city has two brownfields priority lists: a list of 33 targeted sites at which assessment activities have begun and a list of 27 hot sites that the city believes have strong redevelopment potential.

### OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The city would like to continue the momentum built through the original Pilot. Supplemental assistance will be used to complete assessments at sites at which assessment activities have begun and conduct assessments of sites on the hot list. The city will use supplemental assistance to conduct four Phase I assessments and complete four Phase II assessments. In addition, supplemental assistance will be used to expand the city's inventory of brownfields and continue outreach efforts to involve the community and other stakeholders.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2002

**Amount:** \$ 150,000

**Profile:** The Pilot plans to conduct four Phase I and four Phase II assessments at brownfields identified as high priority through collaboration with stakeholders.

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[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

#### *Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:*

- Completing four Phase I environmental site assessments;
- Completing four Phase II environmental site assessments;
- Continuing to expand the brownfields inventory; and

- Continuing the Pilot's community outreach program and collaboration with stakeholders.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*